

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Mathias Alterman et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1626
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Application No.: 10/721,892)	Examiner: Laura Lynne Stockton
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Filed: November 26, 2003)	
)	Confirmation No.: 5982
For: Tricyclic Compounds Useful as)	
Angiotensin II Agonists)	

Commissioner for Patents
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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Pursuant to the Notice of Appeal filed on August 14, 2008, Applicants reply to the Final Office Action mailed on March 14, 2008 ("Office Action"), the period for response having been extended to March 14, 2009, (a Saturday), by a request for extension of five months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith. Applicants file with this Reply a Request for Continued Examination to withdraw the appeal and reopen prosecution of the application before the Examiner. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper beginning on page 4.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.

Attachments to this Reply include a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 by Dr. Thomas Unger with Exhibits A-K and Figures 1 and 2.